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Title: USING NUCLEIC ACIDS FOR CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 6, 2009, in the above-identified application.

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Claims As Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	Minus	**	20	0	x \$52.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	***	3	0	x \$220.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been paid						\$390.00
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment						\$0.00

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